

Last Week:

**TAR CREEK** – On February 25, 2014, EPA Region 6 and EPA Region 7 and the Kansas State Historical Society are meet with the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma to discuss comments to the Draft Cultural Heritage Study for the Quapaw Strip in Kansas and discuss the next steps and progress of the study. Discussions will also include Cherokee County Superfund Site Mine Waste Remediation-Tar Creek and Tributaries, Operable Unit 4 Treece Subsite being held with EPA Region 7. The meetings involve common stakeholders of EPA Region 6 Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma and Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) and the State of Kansas. The intent of the report was to identify locations and specific activities relating to the Quapaw presence on the Treece strip which is now identified as the Quapaw Strip. All parties agreed that the report was lacking and needed to be further developed. Region 7 committed to hiring a new firm and approaching the development of the next report in phases and securing the Tribe's feedback and meeting with the Tribe throughout the development of the next document. The meeting concluded with all parties agreeing to work together.

On February 26, 2014, Representatives from EPA Region 6 and 7, the Kansas Department of Environmental Quality, Kansas Department of Agriculture, Division of Water Resources, Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Quapaw Tribe of Oklahoma and the Region 7's Design Team contractor met at the Wildcat Glades Conservation and Audubon Center in Joplin, MO. This was an informational meeting on the future mine waste remediation efforts along the Kansas section of Tar Creek and its tributaries. This effort will be performed in 5 phases, with the first phase being funded with settlement funds from the PRPs. The Quapaw Tribe purchased the strip of land (approximately 100 acres for \$14,000) that was part of the Treece buyout, and tributaries identified in the designs cross over their land. Region 7 is looking for feedback on the power point presentation that was provided and any sampling approaches that could be useful. This OU addresses mine waste located just north of the Oklahoma border and west of Baxter Springs, KS, surrounding the town of Treece, KS. The OU also includes and addresses stream sediments for Lytle and Tar Creek from the northern boundary of the sub site in KS, south into Oklahoma to the confluence of Tar Creek." The discussions include keeping the tribal members informed of activities related to this effort. **(Janetta Coats x7308)**

**AGRICULTURE STREET LANDFILL - Agricultural Street Landfill Superfund Site (Reuse Planning):** EPA OSRTI is providing \$25,000 in funding for reuse planning efforts at Ag Street Landfill in New Orleans, LA. A tour of the site and kickoff meeting was conducted on February 18<sup>th</sup>. Participants included 6SF team members, the national Superfund Reuse contractor--who will be providing the technical assistance--, the LDEQ site project manager, and a representative from the City of New Orleans. Though the reuse planning effort is focused on the undeveloped property (OU1), efforts will be made to also coordinate with the Housing Authority of New Orleans, and the Recovery School District on the dilapidated structures on-site they are responsible for, that are an eye sore to the residents that reside in the community. The City is committed in pursuing redevelopment options for this particular area of the Site, despite the challenges of not having any funding. Efforts are being made to centralize the information about the site to the City of New Orleans. The previous information repository does not have any information due to the devastations occurred in the area by Katrina, Rita and Ike. Due to the continued sensitivity in the community, The City of New Orleans and EPA will coordinate efforts to get the local community involved. **(Janetta Coats x7308)**



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**LONGHORN ARMY** - The US Army and AECOM is hosting the Quarterly Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) meeting to discuss the progress of environmental restoration activities and future cleanup plans with the Army's Cleanup Team and with representatives from the regulatory agencies – TCEQ and EPA Region 6. Information will be shared with the group about maps of well coordination for existing old and new wells at the site under AECOM contract. A site tour will be conducted with the RAB, community and TAG recipient.

Discussions may also include the ESD for LHAAP-18/24, boundaries for LHAAP-46 and 67 for stakeholder review and examination of retained soil cores, Installation Action Plan, Completed and Upcoming Field Work, The Ground Water Treatment Plant and the Dispute status with EPA. The information repository will also be discussed. **(Janetta Coats x7308)**

**This Week:**

**SAN JACINTO RIVER WASTE PITS:** The site team in coordination with Harris county and State agencies will host a Community Advisory Group (CAG) meeting on 3/12/14 at the Harris Pollution Control Services office. The site's proposed plan schedule and options will be discussed, the recent community meeting, and other Community Engagement issues to be discussed. **(D. Walters x6483)**

**TASC, MEETING FACILITATION:** ECR contact D. Walters working with HQ on TASC services for several R6 sites this year, also the procurement of a Neutral Facilitator for an upcoming difficult public session for the Cavalcade sites. **(D. Walters x6483)**

**ARKWOOD:** Revision and update of the CIP (Community Involvement Plan) is underway with contractor to meet the continued inquiry by a concerned citizen. **(D. Walters x6483)**

**VERMICULITE PRODUCTS** – A fact sheet was written and mailed out about the work beginning in March. **(Stephen Harper x2727)**

**IDA REFINERY** – A fact sheet was mailed out about the working going on at the site. **(Stephen Harper x2727)**

**EXPLO SYSTEMS** – A Fact Sheet and an outreach plan is being developed in coordination with 6XA and the OSC in anticipation for possible upcoming community involvement. A draft CIP is being continually updated as more information on the community is collected. **(Jason McKinney x8132)**

**SOUTH CAVALCADE**—Met with Tiger Team to make plans for the upcoming briefing with elected officials and the Community Meeting in April. Also, Secured a new site to hold our meetings in. It is a new facility near the site call the Leonel Castillo Center. **(Bill Little x8131)**

**WILCOX OIL REFINERY**—Plans are being made to travel to the Wilcox site on March 20, 2014 with OSC and RPM to meet with ODEQ and determine areas that will be fenced and wells that need to be capped in order to better protect the Community from exposure to the oily spots at the Site. Other activities will include doing community interviews so as to determine community concerns and include those as required into the Community Involvement Plan. All is being done in coordination with the OSC and RPM. **(Bill Little x8131)**

**UPCOMING MEETINGS (some dates are tentative):**

<b>Action Title</b>	<b>Milestone Date</b>	<b>Action Summary</b>	<b>Milestone / Milestone Description</b>	<b>Contact</b>
North & South Cavalcade	April 8,2014	Community Open House	Question and Answers. Opportunity for one on one discussions with the Site Team for both Sites. Amended Proposed Plan, Hardy Toll Road, and other activities around the Sites..	<i>Bill Little X8131</i>
Calvacade Superfund Sites	April 8,2014	Briefing for Elected officials per tiger Team	Amended Proposed Plan	D. Walters X6483, B. Little X8131
Hwy 71/72	March 25-27, 2014	Site Information Update	Hwy 71/72--Conduct community meeting site update, update site information repository	<i>Janetta Coats X7308</i>
San Jacinto River Waste Pits	March 12, 2014	Community Advisory Group	Meet with area Agencies and local officials.	D. Walters x6483
Tar Creek	February 24-26, 2014 COMPLETED	Outreach Chat Rule	Off-site Rule discussions; meet with residents regarding site walk through punch list. Ensure concerns are addressed.	<i>Janetta Coats X7308</i>
Longhorn Army	February 19 – 20, 2014 COMPLETED	Site Update	Proposed Plan Community Updates/Tour Longhorn Army Proposed Plan Public meeting. Visit local information repository	<i>Janetta Coats X7308</i>
UNC	<del>2/12-13/2014</del> POSTPONED to mid April	Navajo Nation Education Session & TASC Community Group Meeting	RPM Janet Brooks, Region 9, NRC, and Navajo EPA will provide information to the residents.	<i>Jason McKinney X8132</i>

Agriculture Street Landfill	February 18-19, 2014 <del>January 28, 2014</del> CANCELLED due to inclement weather; will reschedule.	Re-use	Envisioned approach on how a final reuse plan will be achieved on the site.	<i>Janetta Coats</i> X7308
Vermiculite Products/Cityside Properties	2/5/2014 COMPLETED	Community Outreach	Meet with residents regarding emergency removal actions, to be done in the very near future.	<i>Stephen Harper</i> X2727
San Jacinto River Waste Pits	<del>January 30, 2014</del> COMPLETED	Community Meeting	RI/FS results and Site Stabilization. <b>High level public interest.</b>	<i>Donn Walters</i> X6483
Wilcox Oil	<del>January 30, 2014</del> COMPLETED	ODEQ Community Meeting	Site Listing and what's coming next in the Superfund Process	<i>Bill Little</i> X8131
MacMillan Ring Free	<del>January 23, 2014</del> COMPLETED	RPM, NPL Coordinator, Risk and Site Assessment Section Chief, CIC, and ADEQ	Meet with the Mayor to discuss Site being proposed to NPL list and also tour Site.	<i>Jason McKinney</i> X8132